



<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b>		Attorney Docket No.: 21108.0031U2		
<b>APPLICATION ELEMENTS</b> <small>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility application contents</small>		First Inventor: Christopher T. Ritchlin		
		Title: Methods and Compositions Related to Joint Inflammation Diseases		
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2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Drawings</b> [Total Sheets <u>34</u> ]				
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4. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Application Data Sheet.</b> See 37 CFR 1.76 [Total Pages <u>    </u> ]				
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission</b> (if applicable, all necessary). a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF) --OR-- <input type="checkbox"/> Statement under 37 CFR 1.821(e) (see Box 21 for statement) b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification Sequence Listing on: i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> paper [Total Pages <u>18</u> ] c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The contents of the computer readable form of the sequence listing and the sequence listing in the specification of the application are the same.				
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Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	\$ 770.00 (Basic Fee)
Total claims	[93] - 20 =	73	X \$18.00	\$1,314.00
Independent claims	[18] - 3 =	15	X \$86.00	\$1,290.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ 290.00	\$
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$3,374.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees are reduced by 1/2.				\$1,687.00
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	This application is a continuation or divisional application ( <u>not</u> a continuation-in-part) that: (i) names as inventors the same or fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application; and (ii) contains no matter that would have been new matter in the prior application; and (iii) a copy of the executed oath or declaration in the prior application, showing the signature or an indication thereon that it was signed: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> will follow.</div>
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21.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A sequence listing in computer readable form in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 was submitted on _____ in prior Application No. _____, filed _____. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), applicant hereby requests that the computer readable form of the sequence listing submitted in the above-referenced prior application be used as the computer readable form of the sequence listing for the new application. The paper or compact disk copy of the Sequence Listing in the new application is identical to the computer readable copy filed in the prior application.
22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	This application claims foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) listed below, or under 35 USC 365(a) or 365(b) of any PCT application listed below. Application No. _____ Country: _____ Day/Month/Year Filed: _____
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	)	
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RITCHLIN et al.	)	Art Unit: Unassigned
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Application No. Unassigned	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filing Date: March 12, 2004	)	Confirmation No. Unassigned
	)	
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS	)	
RELATED TO JOINT INFLAMMATION	)	
DISEASES	)	

**AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT REPLY REQUIRING EXTENSION OF TIME**  
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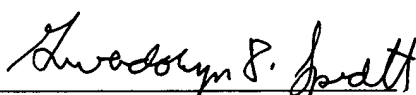
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply in the above-identified application, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

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